

BENSON RAFT SAFE INSURGENTS WILL TO TAKE OFFENSIVE

Arrived at San Diego Yesterday Morning Early.

CRUISER DOGALI IN PORT

Steamers Tiverton and Cascades and Bark Coloma Cleared Yesterday for California—Thyra Ready for Sea—Waterfront Items.

A special wire to the Morning Astorian at noon yesterday, brought the satisfactory intelligence of the safe arrival at San Diego of the Benson sea-raft. The Dauntless went through with the tow and made fair time with fair weather, meeting with no trouble nor delay of any sort. The tow went over the bar here at 5 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, and was anchored in San Diego bay early yesterday morning, just thirteen and one-half days en route. Fine weather prevailed all the time.

The steamer Tiverton cleared from this port yesterday afternoon with 525,000 feet of lumber from the Tongue Point lumbering mills, bound for San Francisco. She will probably get away today. The steamer Cascades from Westport for San Francisco, with half a million feet of lumber, cleared from here yesterday. The bark Coloma lies in the city channel awaiting the passage of the prevailing storm before sailing for San Diego, with her 705,000 feet of lumber.

The Italian warship Dogali returned to the city channel in the early dusk last evening to do a bit of belated "shopping" for some of the ship's company, and will leave out at noon today if the weather is propitious and the bar possible.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived in from Tillamook City and bay points yesterday noon, with a good bunch of freight and a number of passengers.

The Norwegian steamship Thyra cleared from this port yesterday, with 3,085,850 feet of lumber, for Fort Pierre. She has been delayed here for certain surveys of her bottom and keelson, which were thought to be in need of close official scrutiny, owing to the fact that she dragged her length over certain shoals in the Columbia between here and Portland; but Captain Hoben, who conducted the survey, yesterday gave her a certificate of seaworthiness and she will take to the open just as soon as the prevailing sou'wester will permit, probably today.

BANK CLEARINGS LARGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The bank clearings of San Francisco registered a gain for the week ending at noon Thursday over the corresponding week of last year of \$9,341,211, or 25.3 per cent. The California Promotion Committee, which has secured the data, reports the figures for the week as \$46,005,049, against \$36,663,837 for the same week last year.

CUBAN REVOLUTIONISTS ARE FITTING OUT TWO MEN OF WAR IN NEW YORK CITY TO INTERCEPT CUBAN GOVERNMENT SHIP.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The World today says:

The Cuban junta in New York is thought to be fitting out two men of war to intercept the Cuban government ship Maria Herrera, now at Bush's stores, in South Brooklyn, loading munitions of war. It is known that agents of the junta have been examining vessels in the Erie basin and that negotiations are about closed for two ships. A firm of international detectives have been engaged by the Cuban government to watch the revolutionists and it is said that the United States authorities have been asked to prevent any filibusters leaving this port.

Colonel Aguerre, in charge of the junta's press agency, appears to be chagrined that the carefully guarded secret has leaked out, and loudly protests that the revolutionists do not intend to interfere with the Herrera.

Nevertheless, a Cuban said to be in sympathy with the junta, remarked recently that the Herrera would never see Cuba. Captain Aldema, the Cuban government's agent in Chicago, in charge of the vessel, made light yesterday of a possible attack upon the ship.

"I take no stock in the affair," he said. "We will sail when we get ready, which probably will be next Wednesday, and the alleged Cuban junta can go hang."

Captain Aldema denies that he is taking any precautions to protect his vessel from capture, but several bulky well covered articles on the Herrera's deck look suspiciously like guns.

ITSALADY IN DANGER.

SEATTLE Sept. 7.—Forest fires are sweeping over the southern end of the island of Camano in Puget Sound and threaten to complete the destruction of the little settlement of Utsaladdy. So far three residence and a hotel are destroyed, as have been thousands of dollars worth of timber. The fire started last Wednesday, but nothing was known here of the fact until today. Thursday morning the people of Utsaladdy were fighting the fire bravely, but with very little hope of saving the town owing to the high wind and the lack of apparatus.

BANK CLERKS WILL TELL.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—A special to the Times from Atlantic City, N. J., says:

The American Institute of Bank Clerks, with a membership of 6,700, decided at its annual convention here yesterday, that it was the duty of clerks in financial institutions to expose the irregularities on the part of their superiors. The convention burst into ironical applause when Dean Joseph F. Johnson of the New York University School of Commerce, referring to the Real Estate Trust Company scandal, said:

"Even the people in Philadelphia today have a good deal of confidence in banks."

Guerrera Will Commence Operations Against Government.

RAILROAD TRAINS HELDUP

Cuban Insurgent Leader Stops Train and Seizes Government Mail—Not One Shot Is Fired—Peace Proposals.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Havana says:

Colonel Pino Guerrera, leader of the insurgent forces in Pinar del Rio province, announced Thursday that he was ready to begin an offensive campaign against the government. He intends making rapid moves, changing camps as often as possible in order to avoid having the burden of feeding so many men long in any one section. He broke camp at Jibara before noon yesterday. Fifty minutes later, when the daily train for Havana started for San Juan y Martinez, where the government troops are centered, the road south of the station was covered with Guerrera's cavalry as far as the eye could see. Two kilometers below the station, where the highway crosses the railroad, the train was stopped by insurgents who lined their horses alongside the track. From that point a long view of the road in each direction showed the insurgents massed to the horizon. Colonel Julian Belancourt, Guerrera's adjutant, went through the train, receiving warm greetings from almost every passenger. He ordered the removal of two rural guards who had tried to hide, and took the mail sacks with all the correspondence from San Juan. The telegraph wires had already been cut. When the train was ordered to proceed without one shot having been fired, the insurgents resumed their march toward the hills back of Riesco. In the government mail seized, Colonel Belancourt found official instructions from the judge of Pinar del Rio ordering the arrest of himself, Guerrera, Cruz, Colonel Bravet and a score of other leaders on a charge of theft. They were directed to Col. Avolas, commander at San Juan, telling him to make the arrests.

As Guerrera approached San Juan in one direction Avolas left in the other with 150 rural guards, going to Pinar del Rio by way of Riesco. He is expected to return by the same route. If he does he cannot avoid a fight. Pino's men seem well disciplined and equipped.

Approached by a correspondent, Pino Guerrera said:

"You can tell the people north that I am now going to take the offensive. If I have not done so already, it is because I have had to perfect the organization, and attend to matters which appeared to me of first importance. I shall not attempt to hold towns or fortify a position in the hills. I shall continue to move rapidly everywhere."

"Has the government made any proposals of peace?" was asked.

"Officially none," he replied Guerrera. "A committee came to see me two days ago and another of veterans on Thursday. Many veterans are awaiting further movements. Unless we obtain an honorable peace they will join us. I have made no proposition to the government. I have no authority to name conditions of peace. I am simply a soldier obeying the orders of the central committee, which is merely a revolutionary body without taking the form of a government. I obey their directions and recognize their authority."

"Perhaps you would like to know who is my candidate for president. I have none. If Palma should be elected by the people I would be the first to declare my allegiance. I will support any man elected. If the American people had such a government as exists here they would not let it remain in power five days."

DEAD AT LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 7.—Alexander Belford, who some years ago was a prominent book and magazine publisher of Chicago, died at Good Samaritan Hospital, in this city today of paralysis. Mr. Belwood had been ill for several months. He married the daughter of Andrew McNally, of Rand, McNally Publishing Company, of Chicago. J. A. McNally, of Chicago, a brother-in-law of the deceased, who came to Los Angeles to see Mr. Belwood some time ago, is seriously ill at a hospital in this city.

GREEN SKIFF GIVES FIRST CLUE

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS LAND AT LADU AND ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN RAINIER BANK ROBBERS—HUNT STILL GOES ON.

RAINIER, Sept. 7.—At Ladu landing, six miles below this place, on the Washington side of the Columbia River, the first clue to the bandits who robbed the State Bank of Rainier Monday afternoon has been found. At dusk on the evening of the robbery, two men rowing down the river in a small green skiff landed at Ladu, bought a lunch, which they ate at the dock, and pushed on down the river. The two men answered the description of the men alleged to have bound Cashier Van Auker and looted the vault. W. J. Matthen conducts a small store at Ladu, and one of the men from the boat appeared there, but the store being unoccupied, the stranger came to Matthen's house and the latter returned to the store, where a purchase of canned meats and crackers was made. The men were also seen by Tom Bush, a fisherman, near Ladu, Pinkerton and other officers are searching but have not been able to find any trace of the men or the boat.

The district bands have apparently picked is one admirably suited for concealment. The Washington shore of the Columbia river below Kalama is without telegraph or telephone connections for the most part. It is thinly settled, without railroads, and is covered by a dense forest.

Should the men get well away they could live for months concealed in some homesteader's cabin.

UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR RESIGNS.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Sept. 7.—Professor James Hyde, who has been head of the department of mines and mining, has resigned and will be at the head of a large mining concern in Mexico. Professor Hyde had been with the university for three years, and was obliged to resign on account of trouble with his eyes. Dr. H. B. Leonard has been elected as an assistant instructor in mathematics. He is a University of Chicago graduate and comes to Oregon from the University of Colorado.

TRIAL IS POSTPONED.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—The trial of the charges against the various packing companies under indictment, alleging a combination in restraint of trade, has been postponed until Nov. 10. This action was taken because neither side is prepared for trial on Sept. 10, the date originally fixed.

FINNISH MESSAGES.

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